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## U. S. STEEL TUBE MILL MEN HERE

### EXPANSION AT LOCAL MILL IS FORECAST

President Farrell of U. S. Steel and Executives of National Tube Inspect Torrance Plant.

The United States Steel Corporation is soon to build a tube mill in Torrance, this is the prediction being made by those "in the know" and is substantiated by the presence in Torrance this week of leading executives of the National Tube Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation.

Other U. S. Steel officials who visited the Torrance plant this week included, James A. Farrell, president, D. P. Thomas, vice-president, and A. T. DeForest, Pacific Coast manager.

Ever since the U. S. Steel bought the Columbia properties on the Pacific Coast, it has been understood that Torrance would get a mammoth tube mill to supply the enormous petroleum industry demands in the entire Southwest, which is one of the largest consumers of pipe in the nation. At present, all tube products are shipped to the Pacific Coast from the East, and if the U. S. Steel is to manufacture any considerable amount of this tremendous market in Torrance, it will call for a mill at least twice the size of the present Columbia plant.

A further hint of contemplated expansion of the Torrance mill was given by President Farrell in a talk before the Breakfast Club of Los Angeles Tuesday morning. The veteran steel man complimented the people of Los Angeles for their progressive spirit in endorsing the \$35,000,000 water bond, and added, "I have caught the spirit, too. You know I bought a tee, mill down at Torrance a few months ago, and—well, I guess I better not say anymore."

When approached at the Biltmore Hotel Tuesday during the Foreign Trade Council convention, President Farrell would not comment himself on contemplated expansions of the U. S. Steel mill in Torrance.

### Christian Church Plans Memorial Service Sun. P.M.

In memory of the boys who have gone west, and in honor of those who are living, Memorial Day services will be held at the Torrance Christian church, Ingraham and Wilmington, next Sunday, May 25, at 3:30 p.m.

Judge Frank G. Farrell, prominent Los Angeles attorney, will deliver an address on "Peace," Judge Farrell is reported to be very modern in his thought and an interesting address is promised. Other features of the Sunday evening service will be orchestra selections, bugle calls, solo and male quartet numbers. A short address will be given by the pastor on the subject, "The Origin and Meaning of Memorial Day." Veterans groups of war service organizations have been especially invited but the public is urged to attend in an invitation extended by Rev. Elder.

FROM PEOPLE AS  
AS SOGARDINER  
AS WE THINK  
WE ARE

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LOMITA—5897  
TORRANCE—7266  
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Official and final census figures as announced by the Torrance Herald and Lomita News in special bulletins posted in Torrance and Lomita last Friday afternoon, give Torrance a population of 7266 and Lomita, 5897.  
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There are no comparative figures available for Lomita, but Torrance shows a gain of 718 per cent over the population of 1011 in 1920.  
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### COUNCIL ACTS ON PARK BUY TUESDAY NIGHT

Generosity of Dominguez Land Corporation in Waiving Interest and Offering Low Price Recognized By Council.

Definite steps were taken by the Torrance City Council Tuesday evening to acquire the beautiful wooded three-acre grove adjoining the American Legion clubhouse on Carson street, which will be converted into a playground. Councilman Carlisle H. Bell, chairman of the park committee, Mayor Dennis and City Attorney Brinsy were appointed by the City Council to negotiate a contract with the Dominguez Land Corporation and present it at the next meeting of the City Council on June 2 for approval.

Terms tentatively agreed upon between a committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and officials of the Dominguez Land Corporation call for the payment of \$15,000 for the property, \$2000 of which will be paid in cash and the balance in three equal annual payments of \$4000 each, without interest. The payments will all be made out of the 2 per cent tax provided for advertising and park purposes, and will entail no additional tax levy or bond issue. Improvements and playground facilities will be furnished by the City out of the general fund.

Councilman Nelson pointed out that generosity of the Dominguez Land Corporation in offering to waive interest on the deferred payments will mean a saving in interest of \$1500. Councilman Steiner stated that the \$15,000 price was \$7500 less than the listed price of this property several years ago when he had charge of it for the Dominguez Land Corporation.

### Quinn Visits Site For New Health Clinic

That Torrance has a good chance of being selected by the County Board of Supervisors as the site of the next County Health Clinic, was evidenced this week when Supervisor Quinn and Hugh Lawrence, county contact man, visited this city and inspected the proposed site next to the American Legion Clubhouse.

Should the county decide to locate the Health Clinic in Torrance, it is proposed to grant them a portion of the playground site, with which Dr. Pomroy, County Health Officer, and Supervisor Quinlan are reported to be very favorably impressed. An early decision on the site is anticipated, as it will be necessary to include the cost of the clinic building and equipment in the next budget, which will be made up in July. Actual construction of the clinic will not be commenced until next year. While in Torrance, Supervisor Quinn and Lawrence were guests of Mayor Dennis, who had previously arranged for their trip here.

### EDITORIAL

The Iron Hand of Big Oil Business. Why Discriminate Against California Producers? The Census—Torrance and Lomita Are Satisfied With Count.

BY GROVER C. WHYTE

Oil field workers, out of work or on part-time pay, are asking, "Why should California suffer with such rigid curtailment in drilling and production, and the mid-continent fields be allowed to run wide open? And if there is an honest over-production and over-supply of oil above the ground in this country, why are the imports from South America and Mexico increasing, week by week?"

Daily average imports of petroleum at principal ports for last week were 321,357 barrels, compared with 275,857 barrels for the previous week. In the entire state of California the average daily production last week was cut to 632,000 barrels, or LESS THAN TWICE THE IMPORTS; and a large share of this foreign oil was unloaded at Pacific Coast ports. One need only visit the docks at Los Angeles harbor and El Segundo to see the folly of curtailing California production in the face of such South American imports. You might as well try to empty a water bucket through a nail hole in its bottom and at the same time allow a fire hose to pour its stream of water into the top of the pail. It simply can't be done.

In the face of these indisputable facts, one can draw but one conclusion; it isn't a case of over-production, it's over-greed! The iron hand of the big oil companies is whipping the smaller producers into line. A few months ago it was the independent marketers and refiners who were being "disciplined" by the big oil masters. You will remember how they increased the price of crude oil and lowered the price of gasoline. That was the "squeeze" that nearly broke some of the smaller refiners and seriously crippled one of the largest independent marketers. Having "whipped" the ambitious independent refiners and marketers, the big oil companies are now turning their attention to crippling the producers.

And while this tragedy is being enacted, Torrance and other petroleum producing and oil equipment manufacturing districts suffer. We're sure—who won't resent such tyrannical practices? Now, of course, the big oil companies want our friendship, because after all they want us to continue to buy their gasoline. So they give us "symphony hours" over the radio, and furnish public address systems free of charge for our school athletic events—they call it "good will advertising." Well, they'll need it. It will take a lot of soft music and loud talking to make us forget the short pay envelopes and the past-due grocery bills.

**CENSUS SATISFACTION HERE**  
Unlike many other cities, Torrance and Lomita have no complaint to make with the census enumerators. Perhaps we have not been so boastful in our pre-census estimates. Perhaps we have been too close to home to realize how rapidly we have been growing. But at any rate, the estimates made before the taking of the census tally very closely with the actual count by Uncle Sam's corps of nose counters.

Final population figures as officially announced by the District Supervisor of the census give Torrance 7266 people and Lomita, 5897. Torrance has been claiming 8200 and Lomita, 6000. In the estimate of 8200 for Torrance, civic leaders have always included the residents of East Torrance and the Hammetton Tract, which, of course, the federal census takers omit. However, there is easily another thousand people living in the closely built up district immediately east of Western avenue in the Los Angeles Shoestring Strip commonly called East Torrance. This would bring the Torrance population over the 8200 estimate.

There is good and sufficient reason for including the East Torrance district as part of the city of Torrance, because its residents work here, trade here, and mingle freely in our social life. They are in every sense, except in a strictly political phase, an integral part of the civic, business, and social life of Torrance.

That the people of Torrance also consider the residents of East Torrance a part of this city was conclusively demonstrated some months ago when the Torrance Chamber of Commerce promoted and financed a fitting celebration for the formal ceremonies accompanying the re-opening of Carson street and the dedication of the newly improved residential district north of Carson street. The improvement of streets south of Carson street has recently been authorized and no doubt the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will offer its assistance in planning a fitting celebration of this portion of East Torrance when the improvements are completed.

If Torrance should include Keystone in its estimate the total would exceed the 10,000 mark considerably. So when we claim 8200, we are modest, very modest.

Lomita's census figure of 5897 is close to the 6000 estimate, and is a splendid showing for our sister community on the south.

**SON KILLED**  
Mrs. Theo Lund, 1319 Manuel avenue, received a message today telling her of the death of her son Glen Edelman, age 27, who was instantly killed in Seattle. No particulars of the young man's death were learned.

**CAR OVERTURNED**  
The car driven by G. C. Holtans, 1814 N. 107th street, Los Angeles, turned over when it and a car driven by J. J. Ganser, 2124 Arlington avenue, collided at the intersection of Gramercy and Carson at 11 o'clock last Thursday morning. No one was injured in the accident.

### MAYOR DENNIS IS CANDIDATE FOR JUDGESHIP

Will Oppose Judge S. D. Patterson, Incumbent. Teagarden and Herr Seriously Considering Candidacy. Three Others Deny They Are In Race. Klusman Doubtful.

A canvass of all the suggested candidates for the office of Justice of the Peace of Lomita township yesterday revealed that Mayor John Dennis of Torrance and Judge S. D. Patterson, incumbent of Lomita, had definitely decided to enter the race.

W. A. Teagarden, whose business office is in Torrance and whose home is in Lomita admitted that he was "seriously considering" running for the office. Also Norman A. Herr, battery man, of Lomita stated in this newspaper that he was also giving the matter serious consideration but was not yet ready to formally announce his candidacy. W. R. Jensen, opponent of Judge Patterson at the last election, stated that he would not run for the judgeship.

Dr. G. A. R. Stotter, Torrance councilman, stated that in view of the fact that Mayor Dennis had definitely announced his candidacy, that he (Stotter) would not run but would devote his best efforts and influence toward the election of Mayor Dennis.

Efforts to learn the intentions of W. T. Klusman were unavailing. Frank Baker, secretary of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, stated that he had no intention of entering the race.

Instructions received this week from County Registrar Kerr were to the effect that no petitions should be circulated until May 24 and that all nominating petitions must be filed by June 21. Kerr stated that any petitions circulated prior to May 23 would be thrown out as invalid. Petitions for the office of Justice of the Peace should contain at least twenty signatures of registered voters in the township and not over thirty signatures. All petitions must contain the affidavit of the person who circulates them, but one circulator may swear for all signatures at one time instead of for each person signing the petition as was formerly the custom.

### RENEW LEASE ON EL PRADO LIBRARY BLDG.

Torrance Taxpayers Now Contributing \$11,500 Toward Support of Branch City Relieved from Paying Rent.

Torrance Chamber of Commerce directors recommended that Los Angeles county renew its lease on the library building on El Prado for two years and take an option for a third year at the Monday afternoon meeting this week.

The action was brought to the attention of Chamber of Commerce officials by Miss Vogelsson, county librarian, and Mrs. Isabel Henderson, librarian of the Torrance branch, both of whom appeared before the board and made a comprehensive report of the past year's activities of the county library. The City of Torrance has been paying half of the \$75 monthly rental on the library building, but it was pointed out that the assessed valuation of Torrance has now grown to such an extent that the tax of five cent per \$100 assessed valuation would now enable the county to pay all the rental. Computed on the present valuation of twenty-three million dollars, the Torrance taxpayers are now contributing \$11,500 toward the support of the local branch library.

### FITTS SPEAKS M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY MORN.

District Attorney Will Address War Veterans and Public at Memorial Service.

District Attorney Byron Fitts will be the principal speaker at a special Memorial Day service to be held Sunday morning, May 25, at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Torrance.

Among the organizations which have been invited to attend by Rev. R. A. Young, are: Bert S.

Crossland Post, American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary, Spanish War Veterans, City Council and all other city officials.

D. E. W. Petticoat, educator and evangelist, will be the speaker at the Sunday evening service, which will be featured by special music. Paul Petticoat, son of Dr. Petticoat, and an accomplished trombonist, will give a half hour of musical selections.

### TORRANCE TO LEARN ABOUT WATER RIGHTS

Public Invited To Meeting June 10 To Hear Plan for Securing Boulder Dam Water.

Torrance should be among the first group of cities to make a formal bid for a share of the water from the Boulder Dam development, so thinks Mayor Dennis and members of the Torrance City Council who have invited the Metropolitan Water District members to Torrance for their next meeting on June 10, in order that local residents may learn first hand of the organization's activities and the importance of getting in on the ground floor of the Colorado river water supply. The meeting will be held at the Women's Club and the public is invited to attend. About 100 visitors from a number of Southern California cities will be present.

The Metropolitan Water District is the organization that is being formed to take over a share of the water, made available by the Boulder Dam construction. Mayor Dennis points out that it will be more economical to join with the original group in its bid for water from the Colorado than to wait and pay more. Membership in the district now entails only a nominal annual fee and puts Torrance in a position to get its full share of the limitless water of the Colorado, Mayor Dennis explains.

The City Council has not as yet taken any definite action to join the Metropolitan Water District, but Mayor Dennis and City Engineer Leonard have attended several meetings of the organization and have been much impressed with the advisability of becoming a part of this district. The meeting on June 10 has been planned so that local water consumers may have an opportunity to learn more about the project and its advantages to this city.

### HOLLYWOOD-P. V. PARKWAY IS SAVED BY 142 FT. COMPROMISE

Torrance and Palos Verdes Committees Apparently Deadlocked Over 125 Foot and 225 Foot Parkway After Three Hour Discussion.

TORRANCE THREATENS TO ABANDON PLAN

Compromise on 142 Foot Plan, with Two Roadways Similar To Torrance 125 Foot Plan But with Wider Planting Spaces. Committee of Engineers Appointed.

A tentative compromise on a 142 foot Hollywood-Palos Verdes parkway was effected after a three hour discussion Tuesday evening, when representatives of the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce sponsoring the 225 foot parkway met with directors and committeemen of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce who are backing the 125 foot parkway.

Proponents of the wide and narrower parkway stood their ground until it seemed that a deadlock would result. Torrance threatened to give up the idea of the parkway entirely and turn its attention to merely putting through a 100 foot road connecting with Angelus Mesa at Pine avenue in Inglewood. City Engineer Frank Leonard pointed out that all Torrance would be required to construct in such a roadway would be the strip through the General Petroleum property, which would cost \$70,480 and be paid for entirely by the General Petroleum Corporation. It was suggested that right-of-way for this road be 100 feet wide with 30 feet paved.

The ideal size of the present unpaved portions of such a road from Pine avenue in Inglewood to Carson street in Torrance would be \$442,800, according to the Torrance City Engineer. Cedar street in Torrance, which would form a link in this road, is now paved from Carson street to the south boundary of the General Petroleum property.

The discussion at the dinner meeting held in Earl's Cafe, was opened by Jay Lawyer, general manager of the Palos Verdes Estates. After paying a tribute to the hospitality of Torrance citizens in inviting representatives of the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce to discuss the parkway in a neighborly manner, Mr. Lawyer launched a formidable list of reasons why the 125 foot parkway would not be acceptable to the Palos Verdes interests and other property owners outside the original Torrance tract, who have annexed to this city.

### Saturday Is "Poppy Day" Look For Legion Ladies

Members of the Bert E. Crossland Post, American Legion Auxiliary, will be out en masse Saturday to see that the red poppies bloom on every coat in this community.

California-made poppies fashioned by disabled veterans in the various government hospitals in this state will constitute a big proportion of the poppies to be sold throughout the nation on May 24, "Poppy Day" by the women of the American Legion Auxiliary to raise funds for child welfare work and for aid to the thousands of veterans in government hospitals.

Officials of the American Legion Auxiliary expect to sell 10,000,000 poppies in the various states of the union on May 24, according to Ethel M. Flynn, secretary of the California Department of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Margaret Keating of Glendale, president. The poppies to be sold by the legion's auxiliary are all made by disabled veterans who are not drawing compensation from the federal government and the proceeds will be used exclusively for the child welfare work of the American Legion Auxiliary and in the various government hospitals.

"The entire proceeds from the sale of our poppies goes directly to the benefit of the disabled veterans and their dependents," Mrs. Flynn explains. "The disabled men who make the poppies are paid three cents each in California for their work, and the remainder of the funds is devoted to aiding these veterans and their dependents in their families in obtaining comforts and necessary aid where the government does not make provision for their care," she states.

**Poppy of The Legion**  
A poppy, you will wear today,  
To honor our boys of yesterday  
Who, gladly gave for us their all,  
That Democracy, might never fall.  
You help the boys, who, sick and lame—  
Can never do real work again  
And, poppy making gives to them—  
A chance, to work again as men.  
Whatever you give, we gladly take,  
Real happiness for them, to make,  
If you've naught to give, we'll give to you  
A poppy to wear, where your heart beats true.  
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